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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-3

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) PROCEDURES-  
OUT-OF-HOME CARE

REFERENCE: 1) SUPPLEMENT TO SOCIAL SERVICE LETTER NO. 74-25 (3/8/77)  
2) SUPPLEMENT TO SOCIAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 74-25 (4/3/78)  
3) MPP 30-216

This letter supersedes the above-referenced Social Service Letter Supplements. A separate All-County Letter No. 80-72 for the Adoptions Program was issued effective December 1, 1980.

ICPC Procedures: Out-of-Home Care

1. Procedures described in Supplements to Social Service Letter No. 74-25 dated March 8, 1977 and April 3, 1978 are no longer applicable.
2. The procedures outlined in the regulations (MPP 30-216) are to be followed as written with special attention to the following sections:

30-216.3 Children leaving California

30-216.31 All requests (Form ICPC 100-A) to place a child out of the state and supporting documents must be sent directly to the California Compact Administrator.

30-216.32 The California Compact Administrator will forward the request (Form ICPC 100-A) to the receiving state.

30-216.4 Children entering California

30-216.41 The sending state's Compact Administrator will forward requests to place a child (Form ICPC 100-A) to the California Compact Administrator. The California Compact Administrator will forward the request to the appropriate local agency.

If the request to place a child into California is sent directly to the local California agency, by-passing the California Compact Administrator, the CWD is to forward the Form ICPC 100-A (if included) and a copy of all supporting documents to the California Compact Administrator immediately.

3. Current regulations (30-216.5) refer to the use of the Form ICPC 100-B, Placement Status of Child, only when there is a change of the child's placement status. Regulations will be promulgated soon specifying the expanded use of the Form ICPC 100-B in the following manner:

#### Child Entering California

When the child is placed, the local agency in the sending state will complete the Form ICPC 100-B and forward it in triplicate to the Compact Administrator in the sending state. The Compact Administrator in the sending state will forward two copies of the Form ICPC 100-B to the California Compact Administrator, who will forward one copy to the local agency in the receiving state.

#### Child Leaving California

When the child has been placed in the receiving state, the local California sending agency will complete the Form ICPC 100-B and forward it in triplicate to the California Compact Administrator. The California Compact Administrator will forward two copies of the Form ICPC 100-B to the Compact Administrator in the receiving state who will forward one copy to the local agency in the receiving state.

Prior to the regulation change, counties are requested to assist in the improvement of the ICPC process for out-of-home placements by voluntarily implementing the above procedure for use of Form ICPC 100-B.

New adoptions regulations for ICPC will be promulgated under the California Administrative Code (CAC) Title 22, formally putting into effect procedures outlined in All County Letter No. 80-72.

The basic difference between the out-of-home placement and adoptions procedures is the degree of centralization. Out-of-home care procedures require that all forms, documents, etc., be processed through the California Compact Administrator's office. Adoption procedures place more autonomy with local agencies in recognition of the greater legal responsibility they bear for the adoptive child since the child has often been relinquished into the custody of the local agency.

The state ICPC Office is aware that the amount of time it takes to process a placement is vital. Measures are now being effected for shortening the

turnaround time on centrally processed documents. Staff is being augmented, cases are being assigned by counties and an internal tracking system has been devised to expedite document flow.

If you have any questions concerning this letter contact your Program Operations Consultant at (916) 445-7653.

Sincerely,



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